

Appendix A: Suggested Deadlines to Qualify Initiatives

The following suggested deadlines should not be considered substitutes for California election laws, regulations, or policy and should be used for planning purposes only. Other factors, such as amending the initiative measure before circulation or the length of time for circulation, will affect the time it takes to complete the process. In addition, relevant laws in place at the time of printing this handbook may have changed.

JUNE 8, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION BY RANDOM SAMPLE

April 29, 2009 - Suggested last day for proponent(s) to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.

June 19, 2009 - Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent(s) may begin circulation of the petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).

November 16, 2009 - Last day for proponent(s) to file the petition with county elections officials.

November 30, 2009 - Last day for county elections officials to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.

December 9, 2009 - Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample, and notify each county elections official of results.

January 25, 2010 - Last day for county elections officials to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.

January 28, 2010 - Last day for Secretary of State to determine whether initiative qualifies for the ballot or 100% signature verification is necessary. At this point, if a 100% signature verification is necessary, it would not qualify for the June 8, 2010 Primary Election ballot. (E-131)

JUNE 8, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION BY FULL CHECK

March 6, 2009 - Suggested last day for proponent(s) to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.

April 28, 2009 - Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent(s) may begin circulation of the petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).

September 25, 2009 - Last day for proponent(s) to file the petition with county elections officials.

October 7, 2009 - Last day for county elections officials to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.

October 15, 2009 - Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample, and notify each county elections official of results.

December 1, 2009 - Last day for county elections officials to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.

December 10, 2009 - Last day for Secretary of State to determine whether initiative petition qualifies for the ballot or 100% signature verification is necessary.

January 26, 2010 - Last day for county elections officials to certify to the Secretary of State results of the 100% signature check.

January 28, 2010 - Last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether the initiative measure qualifies for the ballot. (E-131)

NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BY RANDOM SAMPLE

September 25, 2009 - Suggested last day for proponent(s) to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.

November 17, 2009 - Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent(s) may begin circulation of the petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).

April 16, 2010 - Last day for proponent(s) to file the petition with county elections officials.

April 28, 2010 - Last day for county elections officials to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.

May 7, 2010 - Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample, and notify each county elections official of results.

June 21, 2010 - Last day for county elections officials to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.

June 24, 2010 - Last day for Secretary of State to determine whether the initiative measure qualifies for the ballot or 100% signature verification is necessary. At this point, if a 100% signature verification is necessary, it would not qualify for the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot. (E-131)

NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BY FULL CHECK

August 6, 2009 - Suggested last day for proponent(s) to submit proposed measure to the Attorney General and request title and summary.

September 29, 2009 - Attorney General prepares and issues title and summary and proponent(s) may begin circulation of the petition (includes time allotted for fiscal analysis).

February 26, 2010 - Last day for proponent(s) to file the petition with county elections officials.

March 10, 2010 - Last day for county elections officials to complete raw count totals and certify raw numbers to the Secretary of State.

March 18, 2010 - Last day for Secretary of State to receive raw count total from each county elections official, determine whether initiative petitions meet the minimum signature requirement, generate random sample, and notify each county elections official of results.

April 30, 2010 - Last day for county elections officials to verify and certify results of the random sampling of signatures to the Secretary of State.

May 9, 2010 - Last day for Secretary of State to determine whether the initiative petition qualifies for the ballot or 100% signature verification is necessary.

June 21, 2010 - Last day for county elections officials to certify to the Secretary of State results of the 100% signature check.

June 24, 2010 - Last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether initiative measure qualifies for the ballot. (E-131)